

President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency
Information Technology Roundtable

John P. Higgins Jr., Department of Education Inspector General, Chair

Activity Status: *June 8th, 2004*

- The Department of Education OIG will sponsor the PCIE Information Technology Roundtable beginning in June 2004. The NASA OIG will work with the Department of Education OIG to facilitate a smooth transition of responsibilities. The focus will remain same – providing a forum to share knowledge, procedures, and techniques to aid in facilitating effective IT audits, evaluations, and investigations by Inspectors General and providing a vehicle for the expression of the IG community's perspective on Government-wide IT operations.
- The next IT Roundtable workshop will be held on June 22nd at NASA Headquarters (Dept of ED OIG will be physically moving the entire HQ operation on June 25th) on the following topics:
 - 1) Vulnerability Scanning
 - 2) Activities of the Information Technology Security Committee of the Federal Audit Executive Council (FAEC)
 - 3) Future IT Roundtable leadership and activities

The Department of Education OIG will provide a presentation on the automated tools and techniques used to assist them in evaluating technical security controls in connection with their annual FISMA review. Tools that will be discussed include: 1) port mapping scanners; 2) network reconnaissance scanners; 3) network vulnerability scanners; 4) database vulnerability scanners; 5) router evaluation tools; 6) host based scanners and 7) password cracking tools. During this presentation, time will be allocated to answer specific questions regarding the risks associated and benefits derived from using these automated tools during the audit process.

A representative from the Information Technology Security Committee of the FAEC will provide workshop participants with an update on their activities.

If interested in registering for the workshop, please contact Ms. Denise Holley in the NASA OIG. She can be reached at (202) 358-2566 or by email at Denise.Holley@nasa.gov. Registration must be received no later than cob Friday, June 18, 2004. For security processing purposes, the following information must be provided to Ms. Holley at the time of registration:

Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial
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➤ **IT Roundtable Working Groups:**

- *Investigations Working Group (consisting of investigative professionals)*
- *Oversight Working Group (consisting of auditors, inspectors, and evaluators)*
- *Coordinating Working Group (consisting of members representing all OIG disciplines)*

<p><i>For general information about the IT Roundtable or to be included on the Roundtable's e-mail distribution list, please contact Charles Coe (202-245-7033) via e-mail at Charles.Coe@ed.gov</i></p>
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